



Pre-Mass

How You Can Help

- ❖ Anyone who is ill, experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or caring for someone who is ill is asked to refrain from attending Mass in the Church.
- ❖ Face coverings/masks are required for all attendees ages 2 and older and must be worn from the time you leave your vehicle upon arrival until you return to your vehicle after Mass
- ❖ Please keep your household socially distanced at least 6 feet from other attendees as you enter and leave the church, wait on sidewalks to enter, and walk through the parking lot and other common spaces. Please keep children close to you.
- ❖ Pews are marked off to assist in the process of proper spacing. With the limited seating it is important that we fill in all seats. Members from the same household are welcome to sit together. Please fill in the seats from the front of church to the back when possible. You may not be able to sit in a favorite pew if seating is not available in that area.
- ❖ The 8:30a.m. Mass will be broadcast on 89.1 FM for those who wish to park outside St. Benedict Church and remain in their cars (a few reserved spaces will be available in front of the church). Fr. Coffey or the Deacon will bring Communion to your car at the appropriate time.
- ❖ Bathrooms will be available however we ask that you limit their use as much as possible.
- ❖ Bishop Malooly's Mass dispensation, issued on March 12, 2020, remains in place for the Diocese of Wilmington, so anyone who is considered high risk or who feels safer remaining at home is not obligated to attend Mass.
- ❖ Please be patient with our clergy, parish staff and liturgical ministers while we implement and adapt new procedures. We realize that changes may be needed as we go along. If you have thoughts/feedback you would like to share, please contact the Parish Office.

At Mass

What to Expect When You Arrive

- ❖ As you enter the church, check in with the usher at the doors so that your name can be checked off the RSVP list (Please enter through front doors of church; side doors will be locked.)
- ❖ Baptismal and holy water fonts will remain empty.
- ❖ The areas in the back of each church will be reserved for wheelchair or special needs seating. If you are unable to process forward to receive Communion, simply alert the usher who will be sure to relay that information to Fr. Coffey or the Deacon.
- ❖ There will be no music at any of the Masses as singing is discouraged at this time due to the possibility of spreading germs.
- ❖ We will not offer the Sign of Peace.
- ❖ There will be no Entrance/Offertory Procession.
- ❖ The Offertory baskets will not be passed during Mass. A basket will be available as you exit the church in which you can place all donations. If you do not receive offertory envelopes, please be sure that the memo line of your donation check is clearly marked as to what the payment is for; or, place donations for different collections in separate white envelopes marked with the name of the collection (i.e. Poor Box, Building & Maintenance, etc...)

Reception of Holy Communion

- ❖ The Body of Christ will be distributed by only Fr. Coffey and our Deacons. The Precious Blood will not be distributed at this time.
- ❖ You are encouraged to use hand sanitizer before receiving Communion.
- ❖ Ushers will dismiss pews in the front half of the church to go forward and receive the Eucharist from Fr. Coffey. Another usher will assist those seated in the back half of the church to proceed to the back to receive Communion from the Deacon.

- ❖ Pews will be dismissed one at a time. When you exit your pew, please back up into the aisle so that those closest to the wall are the first to receive Communion. This will allow everyone to return to their original seat after the reception of Communion.
- ❖ Please keep your mask on until after responding "Amen" to Fr. Coffey/Deacon and then take several steps to the side, remove one side of your mask, place the host in your mouth, re-secure your mask, and then return to your seat.
- ❖ All Communicants, both those receiving in their hand and those receiving on their tongue, can process forward at the same time to receive Communion. If necessary, Fr. Coffey or the Deacon will sanitize their hands in between Communicants.

After the Final Blessing/Exit Procedures

- ❖ Please sanitize your own seat with the sanitizer spray that is provided in each pew before leaving.
- ❖ Only the handicap ramp exits will be used for exiting the Church after Mass.
- ❖ Pews closest to the doors of the church should exit first, one at a time, maintaining the appropriate distance as you exit.
- ❖ No paper bulletins or other items will be distributed at this time. You may access the parish bulletin and other information online at our parish website – www.beparish.com.
- ❖ Please do not congregate inside or outside the church.
- ❖ Please keep masks on until you are inside your vehicle.

Remember to RSVP for weekend Masses each Friday by 3:30p.m. via the Flocknote e-mail which will be sent out each Tuesday or by contacting the Parish Office at 410-634-2253 or parishoffice@beparish.com.